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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were irregular and ranged from unchanged in Chicago to lower in Florida and Philadelphia. However, in Atlanta, Boston, and Jackson prices were higher on the heavier eggs and lower on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was mixed and in a range of steady on lighter sizes to firm on heavier weights. Demand was light to good, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were reported in close balance to available. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate to ample supplies. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for current slaughter needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were .5 cents lower for the heavier weight eggs and unchanged to 1 cent lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 5 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were 1 cent higher for extra large and large, unchanged on the remainder of sizes. The market tone was mixed. Demand was light to moderate, at times good, and best where features increased interest. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were ample to burdensome for processing requirements.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were up 1 cent for the larger sizes and were unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to instances good with a large number of features still providing some increased buyer interest. Food service movement was seasonably moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs and were being held with increased confidence. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate offerings. Most breakers taking a wait and see attitude before purchasing additional product. Schedules full-time or better. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample and beginning to clear. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to instances firm. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were higher for the heavy weights and lower for mediums. Prices in Florida were unchanged on smalls but lower on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged on medium eggs and higher on the larger sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 11, 2001 was 48.82 cents, 4.16 cents less than the week before and 0.16 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were ample to burdensome for current processing schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last Monday with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 7%. Retailer demand good. Offerings light.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	91-93	78-80	70-72
New York	56-58	53-56	48-51
Philadelphia	52.5-56	50.5-54	47-48
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	46-47	44.5-46	39-40
Jackson (1)	56-57	53-54	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	52-65	49-63	45-59
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	45-50	44-49	38-43
Detroit (2)	42-45	41-44	34-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-49	42-47	35-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	46-53	44-51	38-45
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	59-61	56-58	51-53
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	84	76	72
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**NEW YORK** Prices were 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, instances good, and best where items were featured. Supplies were generally adequate for trade needs.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings light. Small invoice price 52. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 150. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

### RANGE

JUMBO	92
EXTRA LARGE	84
LARGE	76
MEDIUM	72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	169-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 18, 2001 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 11, 2001 were 244,721 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 9 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	211,916	32,805	244,721
% change from the prior week.....	-2	-12	-3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand light to moderate for the adequate offerings. Most breakers taking a wait and see attitude before purchasing additional product. Schedules full-time or better. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample and beginning to clear. Trades sentiment mostly steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	8-12	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-MAY-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12 CENTS/LB.	8.75-9.5	9.37

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were usually at least sufficient for full trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-MAY-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 14, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.5	14.5	5.8	11.2	9.3	48.3
	Change	-0.4	-1.1	0.1	-1.6	0.4	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.6	28.7	13.1	25.1	19.7	114.2
	Change	-0.5	-6.7	0.3	-1.7	0.4	-7%
Large	Curr Wk	40.7	79.0	64.3	69.1	84.6	337.7
	Change	-0.8	-22.0	7.0	-6.5	3.1	-5%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.0	29.1	16.5	23.9	21.6	107.1
	Change	1.6	-1.7	0.3	1.4	3.3	5%
Small	Curr Wk	2.2	6.6	2.4	4.0	5.7	20.9
	Change	-0.8	1.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	20.3	4.2	8.9	4.7	42.7
	Change	0.8	-1.0	-2.3	-4.0	0.1	-13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.6	66.9	19.1	20.3	30.8	165.7
	Change	-4.4	-8.6	-6.6	0.0	2.7	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	127.2	245.1	125.4	162.5	176.4	836.6
Percent	Change	-3%	-14%	-1%	-7%	6%	-5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	836.6	-5%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	338.7	-5%	38
Total Shell Egg	1175.3	-5%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 01, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 01, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 11, 2001**CURRENT LOADS** 12.50**FUTURE LOADS** 15.00**TOTAL LOADS** 27.50

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	26.00	38.50	31.50	28.00	—	—	9.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W J	52.00	—	—	—	—	63.00	1.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	28.00	30.00	1.00		GL W LG	—	45.50	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GL W XL	—	—	37.00	40.00	—	—	2.00										
GL W LG	—	—	33.00	35.00	41.00	—	5.00										
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
GL W SM	24.00	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	.25										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	8.00	10.00	—	—	.25										

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/07/01-05/11/01**CURRENT LOADS** 93.50**FUTURE LOADS** 49.50**TOTAL LOADS** 143.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	25.50	38.50	27.63	27.56	31.50	33.00	27.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 2	25.25	27.67	22.00	25.00	—	—	7.00		GNR W 2	—	29.50	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	25.50	28.25	4.00		GNR BR 1	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	39.00	40.00	—	—	2.00		GL W J	52.00	—	—	—	—	63.00	1.00	
GL W XL	—	37.25	35.13	37.80	36.08	—	14.75		GL W XL	36.45	39.50	—	—	—	45.37	9.75	
GL W LG	—	36.67	32.20	33.80	35.93	—	31.25		GL W LG	33.00	39.50	—	43.63	—	44.05	12.75	
GL W MD	24.00	—	24.00	26.00	28.00	31.50	9.00		GL W MD	31.00	31.60	29.50	—	—	35.00	4.50	
GL W SM	24.00	25.00	21.00	23.00	21.00	—	4.00		GL W SM	20.00	—	—	25.00	—	25.00	2.00	
NRBS - 50	17.50	21.00	23.00	24.00	—	—	1.25		NRBS - 50	24.00	—	—	—	—	31.00	1.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	26.00	27.09	30.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	8.00	10.00	—	—	.25										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/29/01 - 05/05/01**

State	# Cases	Shipped To	# Cases	Shipped To	# Cases	Shipped To	Total State
	Northern, CA	CA	Central, CA	CA	Southern, CA	CA	
Arkansas		0.00		0.00		1,002.00	1,002.00
California		643.00		0.00		3,848.00	4,491.00
Colorado		0.00		0.00		10,648.00	10,648.00
Indiana		0.00		0.00		850.00	850.00
Iowa		810.00		0.00		25,457.00	26,267.00
Minnesota		0.00		0.00		12,498.00	12,498.00
Missouri		0.00		780.00		13,960.00	14,740.00
Nevada		0.00		0.00		396.00	396.00
New Hampshire		0.00		0.00		780.00	780.00
Ohio		0.00		780.00		12,796.00	13,576.00
Oregon		1,417.00		0.00		0.00	1,417.00
Texas		0.00		0.00		7,840.00	7,840.00
Utah		3,226.00		5,910.00		16,821.00	25,957.00
Washington		0.00		0.00		1,800.00	1,800.00
Wisconsin		760.00		654.00		720.00	2,134.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,856.00</b>		<b>8,124.00</b>		<b>109,416.00</b>	<b>124,396.00</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>		<b>6,856.00</b>		<b>8,124.00</b>		<b>109,416.00</b>	<b>124,396.00</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	73-76	60-63	51-54	18-21

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
50-53	41-47	39-44	32-37	24-28

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
24-26	17-19	10-12

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
62.02	59.71	56.65	46.03

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/07/01	04/30/01	05/08/00
PACIFIC COAST	281	134	461
LOS ANGELES	243	115	336

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 04/29/01-05/05/01

30-dozen cases 6,743

Receipts from the mainland: 04/22/01-04/28/01

30-dozen cases 5,606

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